

February 2, 2009

Joint Standing Committee on Public Health  
Legislative Office Building, Room 3000  
Hartford, CT 06106

**Re: HB-5133, *An Act Concerning Access To Restrooms In Retail Establishments For Individuals With Digestive Disorders***

To The Honorable Chairs and Members of the Public Health Committee:

My daughters and I suffer from Crohn's Disease (which is an inflammatory bowel disease) and have at times been caught off guard away from home and in need of a restroom.

As many places have signs that say "employees only" we have been turned away and been made to deal with this situation in an embarrassing manner.

It is our hope that the Restroom Access Act will be passed so that no matter where we are, we will be treated in a dignified manner and we will be allowed to use the restroom so that our discomfort can be relieved.

Please take into account the *many* people with this condition when you are considering your vote.

Sincerely,

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